11. Fuel quality standards for petrol and diesel vehicles have been notified.

12. Environment epidemiological studies in identified critically polluted areas have been initiated.

Third Border Wing in Gujarat

3337. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat sent any proposal for creation of third border wing home guards in the State has been pending since 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) The State Government of Gujarat has been interacting with the Central Government even before 1993 for sanction of an additional battalion of Border Wing Home Guards. The State Government was also apprised that the proposal was not acceptable. During December 1996, a request was once again received from the State Government to consider the proposal in order to supplement the police presence in their border areas to curb anti-smuggling operations and other subversive activities. As the issue has various administrative complexities it is not possible to fix a definite time frame for finalisation of the issue.

Recruitment in Andaman and Nicobar

3338. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recruitment to Delhi Andman Nicobar Island Civil Services (DANIL) is 50 per cent by direct recruitment and 50 per cent by promotion from the eligible categories in the feeder cadre;

(b) whether the Departmental promotion committee meets regularly;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a proposal sent in 1990 by the State Governments/UTs for regularisation of ad-hoc officers is still pending with the Ministry; and

(e) the time by which the Government propose to fill the promotional posts, especially the posts of promotion quota reserved for SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) At present there are fifty promotion quota vacancies available for induction to DANI Civil Service for the years 1990 to 1993. It has not been possible to fill up these vacancies for want of up-to-date Annual Confidential Reports/Vigilance Clearance of the eligible officers. The UTs. Administrations concerned have been advised to make available these records.

River Valley Projects

3339. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether catchments namely Upper Kolab and Upper Indra Wati have been included for treatment under the Soil Conservation Schemes of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers;

(b) if so, the amount spent so far under these schemes and the results achieved thereof;

(c) whether cases of diversification of funds meant under the schemes for other purposes have come to the light; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Catchments of Upper Kolab and Upper Indra Wati have been included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects. Project proposals for watersheds falling in these catchments have not been received from the concerned State Governments and therefore, no Central funds have been released so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

12.03 hrs.

RE: CONSTITUTION (EIGHTY-FIRST AMENDMENT) BILL

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I am going to put forward your point. First listen to me.

...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to me.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Item No. 20 should be taken up first. *...(Interruptions)*